

Open Lands Board
Minutes – Meeting #8
September 20, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Room

I. Meeting Called to Order – Dan Walker – Chair, at 7:05 PM

A. Roll Call (See Attachment A, Roll Call Sheet)

Board Members:

Phil Connelly – Present
Dan Dunagan – Present
Jim Ellingson – Present
Rob Johnson – Unexcused
Dan Kraft – Unexcused
Gary Leese – Present
Alan Maki – Present
Kent Meyers – Present

John Ormiston – Present
Mike Pfliger – Excused
Craig Siphers – Excused
Tim Tackes – Excused
John Vore – Present
Dan Walker - Present

Planning Staff

Vanessa Perry
Kimberli Imig

B. Review and approval of Minutes – August 16, 2007 Meeting

- **Dan Walker** declared that the minutes be approved as there were no corrections to be made.

C. Amendments to Agenda

- There were none.

D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda

- There were none.

II. Old Business

A. Technical & Conservation Subcommittee update-

- **John Vore** had a small get together at the Coffee Cup to review the process and make sure things were in order. **(Craig, John V., Mike, and Dan W.)**
- **Dan Walker** summarizes the discussion:
After looking over the process again, we just wanted to discuss if any revisions needed to be made.. After having discussed that all things were taken into consideration it was decided that the draft was the board's best. In conclusion there were no changes and the final decision was the process would be made up of 3 parts.

1. Guidelines/Criteria/Site Visit – This is all a part of the pre-application.
 2. Budget/Funding Discussion – Leverage funding? Is this a part of the budget or leveraging?
 3. “Gut” check by the board – Is this truly a good project, do we feel good about it whole heartedly. This will be part of the final decision.
- **John Vore** stated that we do not want to put a cap before we even get started on the project, but that may be something to take into consideration later.
 - **Kent** said that he was pleased and that everyone did a nice job.
 - **Phil** stated that this was easy to read and it follows everything the board decided on.
 - **Dan W** stated that he had some semantical things but nothing substantive. Also, if you the board have any changes of format, semantics etc. please send that to Vanessa. John Vore and Dan Walker will do a final run through. Please have that information to Vanessa by Monday September 24, 2007 at 5:00 PM.
 - **Kent** made the motion to approve the document to be sent on to the BCC for review.
 - **Phil** seconded the motion.
 - **John Vore** stated that it is approved as improved.

The vote was made; 9 board members voted in favor of the proposal and 0 members were against the proposal.

B. Education and Communication Subcommittee update

- **Dan W** stated that he would like to see this committee taking a plan of action within the next month now. He said that this is the time when we need to be using them. The ground work has been laid and now it is time for them to go to work. The committee needs to get this back in front of the public so that they can get involved again.
- **John O** asked if perhaps a 20 minute power point presentation could be put together. Nothing too overwhelming, but just a basic presentation so that anyone could step in and give the information, and give it correctly, to the public.

III. New Business

A. Update/Discussion – Weed Board/District and OLB Cooperation

- **Vanessa** gave an update of what has been happening in multiple meetings for the bond program.

Summary:

- 1) There is a packet of materials available for interested parties regarding weed district and things of that sort.
- 2) There is talk of having a training for the Planning Board and Planning Staff regarding this program.
- 3) The Weed District is reaching out independent of the Open Lands Board which will be very helpful.

- 4) Some long range planning ideas are to keep the Weed District involved as they are interested to help.

- **Dan W** is a little hesitant of including the Weed District. Dan stated that if the Weed District was incorporated then is the Board going to have to include other special interest groups as well. He conveyed to Vanessa to tell them Thank you, but we have the board to incorporate the general public.

B. Tasks assigned to Subcommittees

- The tasks designated to the Education Subcommittee have already been discussed.

IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report

A. Filling the open “At Large” position

- The BCC is not making appointments until after 9/28.

B. Summary of Meeting with Missoula Rural Initiatives Office-

- **Vanessa** said that they are very impressed with what has been done in this amount of time. She really wants to see how it works with both the board and the applicant filling out the criteria sheet.

V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers

A. Next Scheduled Meeting – TENTATIVELY – October 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM

- B. Dan W.** wanted to bring forward a formal thank you to Karen and the BCC for everything they have done. We, as the Board, appreciate it.

VI. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM